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MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1889.

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PER QUARTER

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$7,500,000.
RESERVE FUND 4,400,000.
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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED, ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per Annum.
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For 12 months, 5 per cent. per Annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of BANKING and EXCHANGE business transacted.

DRAFFTS granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th August, 1889.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,000,000.
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LONDON: Head Office, 49, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, PERSIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells Bills of EXCHANGE, ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards Bills for COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS: Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per Annum.
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ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 2 per cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

AGENCY DEPARTMENT: For the convenience of those returning to Europe an Agency Department has been added to the ordinary business of the Bank for the transaction of Personal Agency of every description. Pay and Pensions collected.

Baggage cleared, warehoused or forwarded. Insurances effected.

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Manager,
HONGKONG BRANCH.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE BUSINESS of the above BANK will be conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on their premises in Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-DAYS, 10 to 3; SATURDAYS, 10 to 1.25; LESS THAN \$1, OR MORE THAN \$250 at one time will not be received. No Depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK, having \$100, or more, at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

INTEREST at the rate of 3% per annum will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.

EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented with each payment, or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January, and beginning of July.

CORRESPONDENCE as to the BUSINESS of the Bank, if marked ON HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

WITHDRAWALS may be made demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his PASS-BOOK, are necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 14th January 1889.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

BY mutual arrangement the interest and responsibility of LAM WAI SHEANG in the firm of FOOK MOW, No. 26 Bonham Strand, ceased on and from the 9th instant. The business is now being carried on as usual.

FOOK MOW HONG,
Cotton & Cotton Yarn Merchants.
Hongkong, 10th October, 1889.

NOTICE.

M. R. HERCULES JOHN SCOTT has this day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

COHEN & GEORG.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1889.

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED.

BROWN RUSSIA BOOTS AND SHOES.
RED RUSSIA BOOTS AND SHOES.
BROWN CALF BOOTS AND SHOES.
GLOVE KID BOOTS AND SHOES.
PATENT LEATHER BOOTS AND SHOES.
SATIN LINED DANCING PUMPS.
TENNIS SHOES.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 11th October, 1889.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

JUST LANDED

IN SPLENDID CONDITION, THE FOLLOWING BRANDS

OF

FRESH CIGARETTES.

SWEET CIGARETTES.

KINNEY'S STRAIGHT CUTS.

FULL DRESS STRAIGHT CUTS.

VIRGINIA BRIGHTS.

RICHMOND STRAIGHT CUTS.

LITTLE BEAUTIES.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1889.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST SHIPMENTS OF
GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING GOODS,
FOR THE AUTUMN SEASON.

UNDERSHIRTS, PANTS, SOCKS, JERSEYS, ROWING, FOOT BALL and POLO SINGLETS.

NEW OXFORD and FRENCH PRINT SHIRTINGS.
NEW CALCUTTA CLOTHS FOR SHIRTS AND PYJAMAS.
THE LATEST COLLARS, SCARFS and CRAVATS.
NEW FELT HATS.

W. LANE & C. CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1889.

W. POWELL & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

EX "SARPEDON" AND "PESHAWUR."

NEW Shades of Cashmere, and Dress Materials, Plushes and Velvets; Silks, Satins, Broches and Moths, Jersey, Coats, and Ulsters, Sunshades and Umbrellas, Hats and Bonnets, Children's and Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes. Toys and Fancy Goods. Gent's Felt Hats, newest Shapes.

W. POWELL & CO.

Victoria Exchange,
Hongkong, 5th October, 1889.

ROBERT LANG & CO.,

TAILORS, HATTERS, SHIRTMAKERS, AND GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS.

WE have just opened out our NEW AUTUMN GOODS consisting of a large and choice selection of COATINGS for MORNING and EVENING DRESS.

A very stylish lot of TWEEDS, new in design and material, and a varied assortment of TROUSERING in all the newest patterns.

Hongkong, 14th September, 1889.

A. HAHN,

PIANO TUNER AND REPAIRER.

ON HIRE
PIANOS FOR SALE

Address: c/o HONGKONG HOTEL or No. 25, CAINE ROAD.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1888.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND of SEVEN DOLLARS per Share for the year 1888, will be payable on FRIDAY the 11th instant.

Warrants may be had on application at the Office of the Society on and after that date.

By Order of the Board,
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1889.

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A NOTICE is hereby given that the STATUTORY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 2, D'Aguilar Street, on THURSDAY, the 25th instant, at NOON.

By Order of the Directors,
J. A. BARRETTTO,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th October, 1889.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Eighth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at 12 O'CLOCK (NOON), on MONDAY, the 25th October instant.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOS'D from the 14th to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1889.

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.

CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCK-MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER-SMITHS, and OPTICIANS.

CHARTS and BOOKS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Sole Agents for Louis Audemars' Watches;

awarded the highest Prize at every Exhibition, and for Voigtlander and Sohn's

CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES.

MARINE GLASSES and SPYGLASSES.

No. 14, Queen's Road Central.

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COHEN & GEORG.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1889.

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Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been instructed by the Senior Ordnance Store Officer, China, to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 16th day of October, 1889, at 11 A.M., at

Her Majesty's Ordnance Stores,

Queen's Road East.

THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT

STORES, ETC.

BOAT WHALER, BILLIARD BALLS,

CAMERAS, MOPS, MINERS' LADDERS,

JUNK, TOOLS in CHEST, CANVAS, CART,

WOOLLEN RAGS, CAST, and WROUGHT

IRON, STEEL TIN, OLD FILES, CASKS,

PACKING CASES, IRON DRUMS, SHOT,

TACKLES, OLD TIMBER, WATERPROOF

COATS, LEATHER, UMBRELLAS, &c., &c.

Also,

A quantity of WORK OUT CLOTHING.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican

Dollars weighed at 7.17. All faults and errors

of description, to be at purchaser's risk on the

fall of the hammer. All Lots to be cleared

within 48 hours.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 12th October, 1889.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

OF
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

to Sell by Public

Estimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED.

DAKIN'S EXTRACT OF GLYCERINE AND CUCUMBER.

renders the skin soft, supple and smooth. Invaluable in the NURSERY, indispensable in the TOILET.

Removes, and prevents, ROUGHNESS, REDNESS, and CHAPPING.

Its agreeable property of softening and clearing the skin will be noticed after three or four days use, and its continued application the complexion will be preserved indefinitely, retaining the last fine texture of youth. Gentlemen will find its application useful and soothing after shaving.

Price, 15s. 4d. and 2s. per bottle.

Saunders' Extra Mysorex, or, box of Toilet Secrets.

A compact and convenient arrangement of Toilet necessities.

Price, \$1.50.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED,

C H E M I S T S,

HONGKONG.

(Telephone No. 60.)

Hongkong, 14th October, 1889.

WATSON'S SOAPS.

WATSON'S

PURE CARBOLIC SOAPS.

THE BEST IN THE MARKET

FOR MEDICAL AND TOILET USE.

Guaranteed to be made from absolutely pure "Phenol," Carbolic Acid.

THESE SOAPS, being specially prepared for use in Tropical Climate, will be found most efficacious for cleaning and purifying the Skin, and for preventing eruptions from Fevers of all kinds, and other diseases generally.

They are 12s. a mill. a box, as well as a deodorant in this respect, and will allay irritation of the Skin, cure and prevent prickly heat, and other skin diseases prevalent in hot climates, and are specially recommended for general use by all the leading and most eminent Medical Practitioners.

To be had in the following forms to suit all requirements:

STRIPS, MEDICAL.

In Single Tablet Boxes.

WHITE, guaranteed to contain 20 per cent of Pure Carbolic Acid.

ROSE COLOUR, guaranteed to contain 20 per cent of Pure Carbolic Acid.

TRANSPARENT, guaranteed to contain 20 per cent of Pure Carbolic Acid.

Price 60 Cents per Box—3 Boxes, \$1.25.

MEDICAL.

Three Tablets in a Box.

POSE COLOUR, guaranteed to contain 10 per cent of Pure Carbolic Acid.

Price, \$1.25 per Box—3 Boxes, \$3.50.

TOILET SOAP.

Three Tablets in a Box.

ROSE COLOUR, guaranteed to contain 5 per cent of Pure Carbolic Acid.

TRANSPARENT, guaranteed to contain 5 per cent of Pure Carbolic Acid.

Price, 75 Cents per Box—3 Boxes, \$2.

WATSON'S

ANTISEPTIC DOG SOAP

In Single Tablet Boxes.

BRINGS SUDDEN DEATH TO FLEAS AND ALL PRINCIPAL PARASITES.

It is nevertheless perfectly harmless, and may be used without the least fear of any bad result on Dogs of any age, sex, or size.

Price 60 Cents per Box—3 Boxes, \$1.25.

WATSON'S

PURE TRANSPARENT

TOILET SOAPS.

Have attained a reputation in the Far East which makes them universal

Toiletries.

Guaranteed to be absolutely pure, and may be used by Ladies and Children with the most delicate Complexions and sensitive Skins, without any fear whatever of producing irritation, at any season of the year. Being practically dry and firm, they will be found most economical in use.

WATSON'S PURE TRANSPARENT GLYCERINE SOAP.

Guaranteed to contain the largest percentage of Pure Glycerine it is possible to introduce into any Soap. Specially recommended to all who have a very delicate Skin easily affected by wind and weather.

WATSON'S PURE OPAQUE TOILET SOAPS.

A varied assortment of favorite kinds; the principal difference between them being more one of personal preference than of quality; all are pure, and the base of all is the same, but the perfumes differ. New kinds will be introduced from time to time, as occasion requires.

PLEASE OBLIGE—Each Tablet bears our Name and Trade Mark, without which none are genuine.

Ask for Special Billing full particulars of all the different Soaps we make.

We also keep in stock a great variety of the following well-known Soaps—

ATKINSON'S, CALVERT'S, COLGATE'S, LUHIN'S, PEARS', &c.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1889.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1889.

TELEGRAMS.

THE TORY DICTATOR SPEAKS.

LONDON, October 14.

Mr. Chamberlain in a speech said that the Government intends to deal in a final manner with the Irish Land question next session.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

The Czar visits Berlin on the 10th inst. for two days. Monsieur de Giers will not accompany him.

THE STRIKES IN HOLLAND.

The Shippers are mediating between the Dock Directors at Rotterdam and the labourers; the latter persist in their demands.

A NEW RUSSIAN LOAN.

A new conversion loan for 600 millions of rubles will be issued in December.

THE STRIKE IN HOLLAND.

The strike in Rotterdam has ended, the demands of the men having been conceded.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

OUR correspondent "Wandering" will make allowance for our holding over his very interesting letter on "Hongkong Sharebrokers and their Charges" until to-morrow, as our column are completely filled with news items which cannot be set aside. In our next issue we shall give our correspondent's views the attention which, in our opinion, they fully deserve.

THE D. & O. S. N. Co.'s extra steamer "Brindisi" from Bombay, left Singapore for this port at 9 a.m. to-day.

THE returns of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Oct. 13th are:—Europeans 181, Chinese 2,077; total, 2,258.

THE Java coffee crop this year is estimated at a little over half a million of piculs. The estimate for the west coast of Sumatra is 79,000 piculs.

As will be seen by a note in another column, the Bard of the 9th Regiment will play at the Ladies' Recreation Club on Wednesday the 16th inst. and 30th inst. at 4 p.m.

A PRIVATE despatch from Wuchang informs us that the Viceroy Chang Chih-tung is expected in that city on the 12th proximo to take over the command of the Viceroy of the Hu-kuang, and that Li Han-chang will not take up the Vice-royalty of the Liang Kiang until some time near the end of next month.

THE Java Bado and Batavia "Nieuwsblad" hold that the intended amendment to the coasting trade legislation in Java will only affect foreign vessels carrying cargoes of plant cane. By the law, as it is present stands, the coasting trade is restricted to vessels under Dutch colours. Foreign ships cannot convey cargoes from one Netherlands India port to another.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow evening, commencing at 8.15 o'clock. The following will be the programme:

March of the Pioneers from "Albion".....Ballroom. "Kings".....Piano. "Patriots".....Piano de Monfort. "Gloria".....G. Ley. "Patriots" (Davolpiano). "The Smiley in Wood".....Michaela. "Tanzhader".....W. Way.

ONCE hundred and nineteen deaths last month amongst infants from convulsions and fits. There is a great increase in the number of cases of fits in the colony? God bless us! they swarm in the place, and yet this wholesale "slaughter of the innocents" is of daily occurrence. Now, whose business is it to investigate and put a stop to this so?

THE appointment of Mr. Alfred Lister to be Acting Colonial Secretary and Auditor General is officially gazetted. We regret that Sir William des Vaux was so badly advised as to make an appointment even although of a temporary nature, which must give dissatisfaction—we will not say disgust—to the community at large. A person with Mr. Lister's equivocal official record should not have been appointed to succeed Frederick Stewart. He has never been a success—not even as local postmaster, we hear.

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THE Criminal libel case, Fras.-Smith v. Brandt, occupied the time and attention of Mr. E. Robinson and a numerous body of spectators at the Police Court this forenoon. As the proceedings are fully reported elsewhere in this issue we refrain from going into detail, and as the case is still sub judice we withhold comment; but later on we shall probably have to deal seriously with what we cannot, but regard as a growing scandal. The further hearing of the case, for reasons we consider altogether unwaranted, was adjourned until Saturday next at noon, the defendant being released on bail—his own recognisances in \$100.

THE second-hand Government vessel the "Fame," went for a sort of trial-trip on Saturday, pleasure and profit being combined. About half-a-dozen Chinese contractors were taken out to the Gap Rock to have a good look at it and see about tendering for the erection of the light-house. The Hon. Sammy Brown was there, as was, but somewhat after the appointed hour, as the break was fresh, sent to say he was too busy. All went well till the "Fame" got outside, and then the Squatter King had a very lively time holding sick contractors' heads. All but one succumbed, and when Gap Rock was reached five lions Chinamen—very different from the bloated bondholder kind of individuals they were a few hours earlier—feebly lifted up their heads and glanced at the Rock. Then they tendered some more rice to the fishers. They got back at six p.m., never having landed, and with a firm intention never to do so.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters relating to all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., to be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong, Telegraph," and not to the Editor.

Letters on editorial matters are to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the author's name, and a sum of £100 or £200.

Whilst the columns of the "Hongkong Telegraph" will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interest, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

MARRIAGE.

On the 12th inst., at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. W. Jennings, M.A., Colonial Chaplain, ALFRED WOOLLEY, Peninsular and Oriental Co.'s service, to MARGARET (Maggie) CROWN, second daughter of T. L. CROWN, Skipton, England, and niece of C. FORD, F.L.S., Hongkong Civil Service.

1279 JURISHS.

On the 13th inst., at Queen's Road East, the wife of EUGENIO F. X. DOS REMEDIOS, of a daughter.

On the 1st Sept., at Gaspar, the wife of Staff-Surgeon A. PATTERSON, R.N., H.M.'s ship "Victor Emmanuel," of a daughter.

On the 4th Sept., at 87, Cranfield-road, Brockley, S.E., the wife of JAMES WHITTALE, of Hongkong, prematurely, of a son, surviving for 24 hours only.

THE Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer "Stanton" from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port yesterday morning, and is due on the 19th inst.

THE officers of the A. and S. Highlanders will row the officers of H.M.S. "Musica" to-morrow afternoon. Both crews are good, but we have put a half interest in the office gazette on the Highlanders.

THE Spoon Competition at 900 yards in connection with the Hongkong Rifle Association, which took place on Saturday, was won by P.C. D. McLean with a total score of 30 points. There were six competitors.

A TELEGRAM which the Spanish Consul has courteously forwarded states that another repression exists to the east of Luzon. Dr. Dobere says nothing about it. The typhoon expected to-day has gone somewhere else.

LATEST reports from the North state that the Yangtze is rising so rapidly that the low-lands are inundated, and it is expected this year's crop will be damaged greatly. The staple food, rice, will be dearer, as well as wheat, which is not likely to be very abundant this autumn.

H.E. LI HAN-CHANG, Viceroy-elect of the Liang Kiang, arrived at Wuhu on the Yangtze on the 1st inst., and started again on the next day for Nanking to interview Teung Kuo-Chuan. Viceroy of the Liang Kiang. While at Wuhu, His Excellency stayed with his younger brother, Li Taotai.

THE Singapore "Straits Times" states that the American ship "George S. Houston," which grounded near Amper when on a voyage to Hongkong with a cargo of petroleum, part of which had to be jettisoned to get her off, has arrived at Batavia. She will discharge the remainder of her cargo there before docking.

A CHINESE passengers on the "Arras" went duty between Singapore and here, and landed Captain Oliffent out of his birth a time or two one night. He was chained to the deck of the steamer and ordered him to be looked after. When being removed from the dock he yelled and kicked till he gave four policemen the prickly heat.

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, September 19th.
At a banquet given in his honour last night at Belfast, Lord Dufferin referred at length to his term of office in India and to Indian administration generally. Referring to the part played in Indian affairs by the countrymen of himself and his entertainers, he said that Irishmen had imported a vast amount of ability, industry, and valour into the Indian Civil and Military services, and he instance the Marquis of Lansdowne, Lord Connemara, Sir Frederick Roberts, Sir George White, and Mr. D. M. Barbour.

He freely confessed that of all nationalities, the inner thoughts and motives regarding the problems of life in the Indian races were most difficult to discern. The changeless East was bound with fetters of caste, and was quite unlike the seething, surging struggle of the entities of a modern European community.

The Viceregal further made eloquent references, to the blessings of British rule, and, in a stirring peroration, said that while justice was unknown in other Oriental countries, Britain protects alike the rights of property, the poorest peasant, and the wealthiest Zamindar, and, above all, the standards of Western moral obligation had vindicated their authority, and had planted courts of justice throughout the whole of Hindustan.

The friction between the labourers and the blacklegs is at an end. The men have resumed work, and loading and discharging is being briskly carried on.

Owing to delayed reparation for pillaging the Spanish coasting vessels at Tangiers, Spain has a squadron of ships and ten thousand men under orders.

Spain, it is generally asserted, has long desired to hold in Morocco a similar position to that Great Britain occupies in Egypt.

ST. PETERSBURG, September 20th.
The Grand Duke Constantine is suffering from a severe chest affection which has deprived him of the use of his voice. He has been ordered to the Crimea for a change.

LONDON, September 20th.
The Prince of Wales has been much benefited by his stay at Bracknell, and his lameness has entirely disappeared.

The Conservative daily papers here write strongly in favour of the proposal to form a united National Party.

BERLIN, September 21st.
The experts attending the military manoeuvres at Hanover express themselves satisfied at the effects of the smokeless powder. The infantry volly-firing is irresistible. The discharges of the artillery are very slight; brownish grey puffs are only momentarily perceptible.

PARIS, September 23rd.
The Government newspapers admit that the result of the elections is disappointing, but the majority, if small, will be more compact.

General Boulanger has been interviewed in London. He is hopeful, and declares that the second ballots will decide his action.

LONDON, September 23rd.
Mr. Balfour denies that the Government have any intention of endowing a Catholic University in Ireland.

PARIS, September 23rd.
The returns up to one o'clock yesterday show that the Conservatives have majorities in 63 constituencies, the Roullangists in 65, and the Government in 85, in the second ballots.

LONDON, September 24th.
A St. Petersburg correspondent of one of the London papers says that it has transpired that prior to the Czar's departure for Copenhagen, a dynamite explosion occurred at Peterhof Station. A signal man was killed, and it is undoubted that it was an attempt on the life of the Czar.

General Boulanger has been again interviewed, and his opinion has been elicited as to the result of the elections. He admits that he has been defeated, but he maintains his faith in the future.

Captain H. M. Jackson, Royal Engineers, goes with the Survey party accompanying the Anglo-Siamese commission; he is at present in Upper Burma.

TANGIER, September 24th.
A Spanish corvette has gone to Riff with the Sultan of Morocco's officers on board, who are instructed to order the Rifians to release their captives.

LONDON, September 25th.
Mr. Lang, Gladstonian Liberal candidate, has been elected for Dundee in place of Mr. Flint, the deceased member.

CANAK, September 25th.
Many arrests have been made in Crete in connection with a conspiracy that has been discovered against the Government. Two hundred arrests have been made in the Herakleion district alone, including several priests; the Metropolitan has protested in vain to Chakir Pasha against their arrest.

ATHENS, September 25th.
In official quarters the situation in Crete is regarded as alarming; the Christians are hastily leaving the island in consequence of the maltreatment experienced at the hands of Turkish troops.

BERLIN, September 25th.
It appears to be certain that the Emperor William, accompanied by the Empress, will visit Constantinople after attending the approaching Royal marriage at Athens.

MADRID, September 25th.
A pistol exploded harmlessly to-day in a field behind the palace at San Sebastian, in which the Spanish Royal Family were at the time.

LONDON, September 26th.
The Operative Spinners Society at Bolton have resolved to support employers in defeating the cotton corner by obliging men to leave off work for a fortnight in October.

ZANZIBAR, September 26th.
Captain Wissmann has destroyed two of the Sultan of Morocco's officers on board, who are continuing his march on Mpawwas.

LONDON, September 26th.
Advices from America report a railway collision at Chicago, in which five persons were killed and ten injured. The cause of the collision was the drunkenness of one of the drivers.

Eliza Cook is dead.
Eliza Cook was born in Southwark in 1818. When only 22 years of age she published a volume of poems which at once acquired immense popularity. Though for many years past in failing health, she has written much. Since 1864 she has enjoyed a Civil List pension of £100 a year.

The Athens correspondent of the *Daily News* says the state of affairs in Crete is daily becoming more critical, the atrocities increasing, Christians being flogged and tortured, the prisons full of persons who have been arrested for creating disturbances, and outrages on women of frequent occurrence; the Turkish criminals going unpunished.

A Constantinople telegram says Moussa Bey's trial is still delayed.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report to be presented at the eleventh ordinary general meeting of shareholders to be held at the offices of the Company, Hankow Road, Shanghai, on Wednesday, the 16th October, 1889, at 2.30 p.m. precisely.

The Directors have much pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the accompanying

fully audited Statement of Accounts made up to 30th June last.

1888.—The balance at credit of this Account on 30th June was Taels 178,250.66, and further claims amounting to Taels 29,543.91 have been since entered in the Company's books. The amount of liabilities still outstanding is considerable, but, in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association, the usual powers will be asked for the Directors to close up the year's Accounts as soon as practicable.

1889.—The net premium for the first half-year show an improvement on the corresponding period of last year, resulting in an increase of Taels 29,819.39 in the balance carried forward.

The Premiums and Losses entered in the Company's books since the 30th June are Taels 208,600.00 respectively, which the Directors hope will be considered satisfactory by the shareholders.

By order of the Court of Directors,
W. H. PERCIVAL,
Acting Secretary.

Shanghai, 3rd October 1889.

THE SWITCHBACK RAILWAY.

The grand opening of the Switchback Railway, erected in the People's Park Pearl's Hill, was duly performed yesterday evening (2nd Oct.) in the presence of a great multitude of people. As the promoter had set forth that the occasion was to be celebrated by great attractions, and had publicly given a general invitation to all, just after business yesterday evening, a large number of Europeans, with their wives, sisters, and lady friends, wended their way to the region of the People's Park. On arriving at the entrance to the park, Pearl's Hill, at the back of the snake-like railway, was seen to be covered with a vast throng of Celestials and a good percentage of other Asiatics.

Immediately by the side of the entrance to the "switcher," an area of the park—"the People's Park"—was enclosed, and fenced off with some wire netting. Over the gateways leading into this enclosure were huge placards, politely informing the general public that an entrance might be gained with an introduction of 50 cents. The attractions in this enclosure were to be the sand of the 5th and the tug-war.

It was most amusing to watch each new arrival as he brought up outside this network. The placard seemed to transfix him, but seeing so many of his set inside, admittance had to be gained, and if there was no money available, a chit was offered and taken. We are assured, however, that the only reason of the enclosure was to permit Europeans to listen in comfort to the band, and that there was no particular desire to make a profit; therefore it may be suggested that the proceeds of the enclosure, less the cost, should be handed over to some charitable institution.

The fun commenced shortly after 5 o'clock with a tug-of-war between Chinese and Malays, a side.

In the first place the latter were not Malays at all, but Kling, and, pitted against ten herculean Chinamen, what chance had they to roll over the prize of \$15? In the next place it was not a tug-of-war, but instead of standing up, and having a fair pull, each man sat down and promptly dug small holes in the ground for the reception of his boots, and in this manner the performance was continued for over twenty minutes.

The competition might have been a jest, if it seemed to be worked on a co-operative principle. The Chinese got over the Kling's very easily the first time, but changing over, the exhibition lingered wearily over twenty minutes, at the end of which time the Chinese came off the conquerors.

The railway was then set in motion, and amongst the first to travel upon it was the Hon. Major MacCallum. The charge for each complete journey was 25 cents, and the cars were kept busy all the time.

In the evening, about six o'clock, the gas jets were lit along the whole line, and the effect was very pretty. From about seven till nine the cars were well occupied with Chinese, and after that the Europeans turned up from dinner and kept things going till midnight.

The ascent of the temple was unfortunately spoiled by some persons, who threw sticks at and burst them—but the proceedings as a whole were exceptionally successful.

There can be no doubt that the Switchback is likely to be very profitable to the promoters, and to be a useful amusement in a town where popular amusements are few. It is now open daily at a charge of 10 cents for each journey. On Saturday there is to be a European (20 cents) day.—*Straits Times*.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

The rich iron-mines of Ts'ing-l'i Hsien, in the Sze-chow Fu Prefecture, in the eastern part of the Province of Kueichou, are to be closed for three months, it having been found almost impossible to work them owing to their having been flooded by the excessive rains this summer.

The Governor of the Province will shortly memorialise the Emperor to that effect.

The *Hu Pao* of Sunday, 6th October, publishes a letter from Hangchow addressed to a native charitable society called Jen si shan T'ang, (Benevolent Aid Society), calling for help for the sufferers from the floods in the Province of Chinkiang, and making some startling statements about the extent of the distress there. This, it says is as great as in Honan or Shantung, for it involves eleven Prefectures, the number of people drowned being given as 100,000.

The same paper has a paragraph laudatory of the Viceroy Ts'ing at Nanking, who it says in spite of his advanced age shows no diminution in energy and activity, the whole of which he appears to devote to ameliorating the condition of the people and removing abuses.

The good Governor General has been much affected by the late misfortunes that have afflicted China, the breaking out of the Yellow River; the floods in other parts and the burning of the T'ai-ho Gate of the Emperor's Palace; and when he heard the account of the fire at the Temple of Heaven, he is said to have burst into tears.

Death and distress caused by excessive rain and floods are reported from various parts of China. At Yangchow new rice is at \$2.95 the picul, or picul; old rice over \$3.00; firewood at 200 cash per 100 catties, and bean-oil at \$7.50 a picul, and still rising. A letter from Kuang-tung ("Canton") Province says that the distress in the Ch'ao-chou Fu and Chia-yang Chou districts (up the Hau River from Swatow) is greater than it has ever been since the seventh and eighth years of Hien Fung (1877-8). The sale of women and children by people unable to find food for them in their own homes having become quite frequent.

On 3rd October the Shanghai Distinct Magistrate went to the Temple of the Tertular God of the City, and to that of Kuan-yin, and, holding a stick of incense, prayed devoutly for a cessation of the rain which is ruining the rice and cotton. On his way back, he arrested two men who were fighting in the street and had them taken to his Yamen for trial. He has prohibited the slaughter of animals for food for three days, hoping by this means to make Heaven more

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propitious in the matter of weather. In Nan-hai, District east of the Huangpoo River it is said, owing to the rain already fallen, three-tenths of the cotton crop will certainly be destroyed, and seven-tenths of the rice crop.

The "Sheng Sien Chi" or "Spiritual Researches," of the ancient writer Kau Pao, of 1800 years ago, says that even a Taoist who has found out the elixir of life runs the risk of lightning after he has lived 500 years, and if the virtuous recluse himself has no immunity, how should Heaven spare the venomous snake and the obscene and treacherous spider, in spite of all their magical arts and cunning devices?

On the afternoon of 20th September, during a rain-shower at Tientsin, a sudden crash of thunder was heard, and it was soon known that at Nan-tai-ze, outside the West Gate, a spider, several tens of years old, as big as a dust-pan, with legs like spears for size, had been struck and killed in the house of a Mahony named Hieh (Black).

His door was soon blocked with people crowding to catch a sight of the uncanny insect whose career had been so quickly cut short. Another instance of the hatred and attraction of lightning towards unclean reptiles occurred at Peking on 18th September, the day of the Temple of Heaven caught fire.

Outside the West Gate, at Liang-kuo Hsiang, a *hsia-shu*, or locust-tree, was struck, and in it was found a cast-off snake's skin 10 feet long, and as big as the square box at the top of a "mandarin-pole" or flag-staff in front of a yamen.

A correspondent at Peking describing the recent fire at the Temple of Heaven on 18th September says: After some excessively hot weather, black clouds gathered on the forenoon of the 18th, and presently came a crash of thunder that made the houses quiver, and the rain descended in buckets-full, and continued till nightfall. A lurid light was suddenly described to the south of the temple.

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And Notice is hereby given, that a Sitting of the Executive Council, before whom the matter of the said Petition will come for decision, will be held in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of October, at 11 A.M.

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